

will announce the committees of the House on that morning. R. M. Fletcher goes on as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, which is a kind of Chancellor of the Exchequer, through whom the financial policy of the administration becomes divulged.

## Pennsylvania Legislature.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1855.

Wm. D. Heister, democrat, of Berks, was elected Speaker of the Senate on the twenty-seventh ballot, having fifty votes. Skinner, (whig), had eleven votes; Frazer, (whig), two. Darsie, (whig), voted for Heister. Price, (whig), did not vote.

## Message of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 5, 1855.

The Governor's message has been sent to the Legislature. It shows the aggregate receipts of the State for the year to have been \$6,660,000; expenditures, \$5,425,000, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,220,000. The receipts of the public works show an excess over expenses of \$736,000. The statistics show an expenditure during his term of office, for the rent of works, of over \$2,000,000; yet the funds left him have been reduced a quarter of a million. He alludes to the vote by the people in relation to prohibition, and remarks that though the vote shows the people to be adverse to the measure proposed, it gives no reason for supposing them opposed to a reformation. He recommends a revision of the license laws.

The rest of the message is on the usual local topics.

## Michigan Legislature.

DETROIT, Jan. 4, 1855.

Isaac W. Wilder has been elected Secretary of the Senate of this State; Cyrus Lovell Speaker, and Henry Banner Clerk of the House. They are all republicans.

## Maine Legislature.

AUGUSTA (Me.), Jan. 5, 1855.

The Legislature of this State to-day elected Anson P. Morrill for Governor. In the House the vote stood as follows—Morrill, 106; Reed, 116. In the Senate Mr. Morrill received the unanimous vote, thirty in all. The inauguration of Mr. Morrill will take place to-morrow.

## From Boston.

BOSTON, Jan. 5, 1855.

An anti-slavery petition has been drawn up, addressed to the Massachusetts Senate and House, urging the passage of a law, "That any person who engages in arresting, holding or returning a fugitive slave, either as United States Judge, Commissioner, Marshal, Deputy Marshal, or in any other capacity whatsoever, or even as a private citizen, shall be for ever incapable of acting as a juror in any court of this State, or of holding any office of trust, honor or emolument, whether such office be a State, county, city or town office, unless relieved from such disgrace by a pardon; and also to punish by fine and imprisonment any claimant of an alleged slave, or any aider or abettor of such claimant, who shall attempt to remove such alleged slave from this State, without his first having a jury trial on the question of his slavery or freedom."

A convention of both houses elected to-day, Ivory H. Lucas, of Edgartown, Sta. Senator from Dukes and Nantucket counties. The vote stood as follows—Lucas, 360; William, of Nantucket, 2.

The British bark Prince Arthur, bound from Manila for New York, was off Singapore on the 30th October, in a sinking condition, having ten feet of water in her hold. She had sent to Singapore for assistance, and a steamer proceeded in search of her, but had not returned on the 4th of November. The cargo of the Prince Arthur is insured in New York and Boston for \$250,000.

The new ship Acorn, built at Waldoboro', was destroyed by fire at Muscongus, ten miles below Waldoboro', on the 3d inst.

## From the South.

ARRIVAL OF THE SOUTHERN MAIL—LATER FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5, 1855.

By the arrival of the Southern mail as late as due, we have received New Orleans papers of Saturday.

The steamship Nautilus had arrived at New Orleans, bringing later intelligence from the Rio Grande.

The Brownsville Flag of the 16th inst. publishes a protest against the late farcical election in Mexico. It is signed by Ponciano Arizmendi, Manuel Gomez; José Maria Madero, etc. etc.

In reference to the revolutionary movements and feelings in eastern Mexico, it has the following paragraph:

"On the frontier for the present there is quiet, though how long it will remain so, time alone can tell."

General Carrascal arrived at Brownsville a few days since, and rumor says he will very soon head another movement organized on a new and liberal basis.

## Death of Hon. Ira Bellows.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 5, 1855.

Hon. Ira Bellows, of Pittsford, who had many posts of honor in this State, died this evening, while waiting in the railroad depot for the cars to convey him home.

## Accident to the Victoria Bridge over the St. Lawrence.

BOSTON, Jan. 5, 1855.

The woodwork of the Victoria Bridge, over the St. Lawrence river, was carried away by the ice, but no injury whatever was done to the stone abutment, or the stone piers, which remain firm as the solid rock, and prove the security and stability of the structure. The newspaper reports of damage to the permanent structure are entirely unfounded.

## Destruction of a Church by Fire.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 5, 1855.

The Roger Williams' Church, on Congress street, was destroyed by fire this morning, at 2 o'clock. The church was valued at \$10,000, and had been recently improved. It was insured for \$5,000 on the building, and \$1,000 on the organ.

## Railroad Accident.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1855.

Two freight trains on the Canfield and Amboy Railroad, near Riverton, came in collision this evening. No one was injured, but the trains were delayed. The pilot line backed to Trenton, and will have to come to the city by the Trenton road.

## The Southern Mail Difficult.

CHARLESTON, (S. C.), Jan. 5, 1855.

It is now believed that the Southern mail difficulty will soon be settled. The Post Office Department have made an offer to the South Carolina Railroad Company, which will be accepted provided the schedule should be satisfactory.

## Arrival of the Steamship America at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Jan. 5, 1855.

The royal mail steamship America arrived here from Boston, at five o'clock this morning, and sailed at seven for Liverpool. Weather very foggy.

## Arrival of the City of Manchester.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5, 1855.

The screw steamship "City of Manchester," from Liverpool on the 29th ult., is coming up the river. She brings 315 passengers.

## Markets.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK BOARD, Jan. 5, 1855.

At our first board to-day stocks were rather lower, with limited sales at the following rates—Long Island Railroad, at 36½; Morris Canal, 12½; Long Island Railroad, 13½; Pennsylvania Railroad, 42½; Pennsylvania State-Saves, 5½.

New Orleans, Jan. 5, 1855.

The receipt of the Atlantic's news here created a dullness in the cotton market, and caused a decline in prices of 4¢ per lb. The sales to-day foot up 2,500 bales. We quote middling at 2½ a bale. Exchange on London is 73 per cent premium. Cotton freights to Liverpool, £3d. a tmd.

CHARLTON, Jan. 5, 1855.

The prices of cotton are easier, but not quiteably lower. The sales to day amounted to 2,600 bales.

CHARLTON, Jan. 5, 1855.

Mr. A. and Mr. B. are respectively invited to attend his funeral, this morning, at ten o'clock, from his late residence, No. 227 West Twenty-third street, without further invitation.

On Thursday, January 4, after a short but severe illness, Mrs. E. A. and John T. Stanley, aged 31 and 25 years. The friends of the family, and those of her brothers, Lewis, Joseph, and Benj. Cordinan, are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 142 West Twenty-ninth street, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Her remains will be interred at the Calvary Cemetery.

On Wednesday, January 3, of consumption, CLINTON HAMING, aged 27 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from St. George's Chapel, Beekman street, this morning, at ten o'clock, without further invitation.

On Thursday, January 4, FRANCIS, youngest son of Joseph and Harriet D. Myers.

The friends of the family, and those of his grandfather, John De Launier and John D. Myers, are invited to attend the funeral, from the late residence, No. 227 West Twenty-third street, without further invitation.

On Thursday, January 4, JOHN J. BRADSHAW, aged 34 years and 5 months.

His friends, and those of his brother, William A., and of his uncles, Henry and Alfred Tracy, aged 32 years.

The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from the late residence, No. 228 West Twenty-third street, at one o'clock.

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His friends, and those of his brother, William A., and of his uncles, Henry and Alfred Tracy, are respectively invited to attend his funeral, this afternoon, at two o'clock, from No. 228 West street.

Friends, on Friday morning, January 5, HARRIET, daughter of John T. and Ann Elizabeth Chatterton, aged 46, a widow, 5 months and 5 days.

Her friends are respectively invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, on Monday afternoon, at one o'clock.

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